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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Yusuke SHIRAKAWA

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For: IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS, SHADING CORRECTION METHOD,
PROGRAM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter this Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.